



# OPEN EXAMINATION BULLETIN SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH BIOLOGIST STATEWIDE CONTINUOUS TESTING

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**WHO SHOULD APPLY:** Persons who meet the minimum qualifications (entrance requirements) as stated. This is an open examination. Applications will NOT be accepted on a promotional basis.

**HOW TO APPLY:** To learn more about the job and testing arrangements, contact the testing office shown below. Applications are available and may be filed in person or by mail with:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
714 P STREET, ROOM 850  
P.O. BOX 942732  
SACRAMENTO, CA 94234-7320

(916) 657-1423  
TDD (916) 657-3042

**DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD**

**CROSS FILING:** If you meet the entrance requirements for this class and for **Associate Public Health Biologist** scheduled at the same time, you may file for both examinations on a single application. Indicate the class title(s) for which you are applying on the application Form, STD 678.

**SPECIAL TESTING INFORMATION:** If you have a disability and need special arrangements, mark the appropriate box on the application Form, STD 678. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

**FINAL FILING DATE:** There is no final filing date. Filing is considered continuous as dates can be set at any time. The testing office will accept applications continuously and will notify and test applicants as needs warrant.

**SALARY RANGES:** \$4414 - \$5321 Per Month.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** This is the technical expert level of the Public Health Biologist series. Incumbents serve as staff expert on a specific aspect of the vector-borne disease program and, under general supervision, plan, organize, and evaluate programs in the prevention, surveillance, and control of vector-borne diseases; provide technical guidance and assistance to staff of public agencies; coordinate emergency control efforts; plan, conduct, and publish results on studies on the ecology and control of specified vector-borne diseases; prepare educational materials and presentations; and do other related work.

**Positions exist statewide.**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION:** It is your responsibility to make sure you meet the education and/or experience requirements stated below. Your signature on your application indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the basic qualifications required.

NOTE: Applications/resumes **MUST** contain the following information: "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year), time base, civil service class title(s), and range (if applicable). College course information **MUST** include: title, semester or quarter units, name of institution, completion dates, and degree (if applicable). **Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.**

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either I," "or II," "or III," etc.

**Either I**

Two years of experience in the California state service performing the duties of Associate Public Health Biologist.

**Or II**

Five years of increasingly responsible experience in vector biology and control, two of the required years of experience must have been in a position comparable to that of Associate Public Health Biologist in the California state service. (Possession of a degree in a biological science or closely related specialty may be substituted for the required experience on the basis of a master's degree satisfying two years of the required experience or a doctorate degree satisfying three years of the required experience.) **AND**

**Education:** Graduation from college with a baccalaureate degree in a biological or closely related science.

**DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS:** Willingness to travel and work away from the office.

**EXAMINATION INFORMATION: EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE – WEIGHTED 100%**

This examination utilizes an evaluation of education and experience (E&E) weighted 100% and is based solely upon information provided on the application. Information provided on the application will be assessed compared to a standard developed in relation to the elements of the job and linked to the knowledge and abilities required on the job.

Resumes and /or attachments are encouraged and special care should be taken to submitting a complete description of your education relevant to the typical tasks, scope and minimum qualifications stated on this bulletin.

**SCOPE:** In addition to evaluating the candidates relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, emphasis will be placed on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each competitor's:

**KNOWLEDGE OF:**

1. Epidemiological principles and concepts in the control of zoonotic diseases.
2. Biology and taxonomy of vertebrates and invertebrates of importance in the transmission of vector-borne diseases.
3. Research techniques in the study of disease transmission, and vector and reservoir animal population dynamics.
4. Procedures used in the prevention and control of animal-related diseases.
5. Current technology and sources of information.
6. Medical entomology, epidemiology, mammalogy, ecology, taxonomy, and biology.
7. Public health principles, practices, laws and regulations.
8. Use of chemical and biological control agents.
9. Current public health issues including biological and ecological research studies.
10. Principles and techniques of planning and organizing a vector-borne disease prevention and control program.

**ABILITY TO:**

1. Conduct field surveillance and handle diseased animals.
2. Identify arthropods and compile distribution records.
3. Analyze and evaluate surveillance data and other scientific observations.
4. Communicate effectively.
5. Independently conduct scientific studies required to evaluate vector-borne disease and control problems.
6. Analyze situations accurately and select effective courses of action.
7. Establish and maintain cooperative relationships with individuals, organizations, and governmental agencies.
8. Interpret current research literature and apply results to prevention and control programs.
9. Effectively evaluate vector-borne disease prevention and control programs at the local level and make recommendations for improvements and/or compliance with current laws and regulations.
10. Plan and organize a major program or regional activity.
11. Develop educational materials for distribution to the public and local agencies.
12. Present training programs to local agencies, special interest groups, and associations.

**LIST INFORMATION:** Names of successful competitors are merged into the list in order of final scores regardless of date. Eligibility expires **12 months** after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

**VETERANS' PREFERENCE:** Veterans' preference credits will not be granted in this examination since it does not qualify as an entrance examination.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Applications** are available at the State Personnel Board office, through the Internet at <http://www.spb.ca.gov>, at local offices of the Employment Development Department, and the Department noted on this bulletin.

**If you meet the requirements** stated on this announcement, you may take this examination, which is competitive.

**The Department of Health Services** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order:

1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required.

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